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SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTAN/MALIAN BORDER DISPUTE

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA RETURNED FROM LOME AT 1200 JUNE 19TH. HE HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN HIS OFFICE ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON THAT WAS BROADCAST AT 2230 THURSDAY NIGHT. THE "L'OBSERVATEUR" CARRIED MOST OF THE CONFERENCE IN TODAY'S EDITION UNDER THE HEADLINE, "LE PRESIDENT EST RENTRE ASSEZ SATISFAIT".

2. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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Q. LES RECOMMANDATIONS, COMME LE SOULIGNE LE COMMUNIQUE

FINAL, ONT ETE ACCEPTEES PAR LES DEUX PARTIES A QUELQUES NUANCES MINEURES PRES? ELLES DONNENT SATISFACTION A LA HAUTE-VOLTA DANS LE MESURE OU LES CONCLUSIONS AUXQUELLES L'ETUDE DU DOSSIER A ABOUTI, CONCORDENT AVEC LES THESES ET ARGUMENTS QUE NOTRE PAYS A TOUJOURS DEVELOPPES. PARMI CES THESES ET ARGUMENTS JE CITERAI:

L'INTANGIBILITE DES FRONTIERES COLONIALES HERITEES AU MOMENT DES INDEPENDANCES CONFORMEMENT AU PRINCIPE ENONCE PAR LE RESOLUTION AGH/RES/16 DU CAIRE DE JUILLET 1964.

LA VALEUR JURIDIQUE A ACCORDER AUX CARTES AU MEME TITRE QUE LES DOCUMENTS ECRITS.

L'ABROGATION DE L'ARRETE GENERAL NO 2728 DU 27 NOVEMBRE 1935 PAR LA LOI DU 4 SEPTEMBRE 1947 PORTANT RECONSTITUTION DE LA HAUTE-VOLTA DANS SES LIMITES TERRITORIALES DE 1932.

LA SITUATION DU MONT N'GOUMA AU NORD DE GUE DE KABIA ET NON PAS AU SUD-EST DE CELUI-CI.

L'APPREICATION DE TOUS CES ELEMENTS QUI A ABOUTI AUX RECOMMANDATIONS FORMULEES NOUS RENFORCE DANS LA JUSTESSE DU POINT DE VUE QUE NOTRE PAYS A TOUJOURS DEFENDU.

LES RECOMMANDATIONS NOUS DONNENT SATISFACTION DANS LA MESURE EGALEMENT OU ELLES OFFRENT D'HEUREUSES PERSPECTIVES EN OUVRANT LA PORTE AUX CHANCES ET POSSIBILITES D'UNE SOLUTION REELIE ET OBJECTIVE DU CONFLIT.

A. QUANT A LA POSTION DES VILLAGES DESIGNEES PAR LE COMMUNIQUE FINAL LE PRESIDENT LAMIZANA A DIT:

A. J'AI DONNE TOUT A L'HEURE L'ESSENTIEL DE LA SUBSTANCE DES RECOMMANDATIONS. IL FAUT RETENIR DE CES RECOMMANDATIONS LA VALIDITE DU TRACE EN CROISILLONS PLEINS DE LA CARTE DE L'IGN A L'ECHELLE L/200.000 EDITION 1960 ET PARTANT LA RECONNAISSANCE DE DTROIT A L'INTETIEUR DU TERRITOIRE NATIONAL VOLTAIQUE DES VILLAGES DE DOUNOUAGA OU DIOULOUNA, OUKOULOU, AGOULOYOU ET KOUBO; VILLAGES DONT L'APPARTENANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A LA HAUTE-VOLTA, NOUS A JUSQU'ICI ETE CONTESTEE, CONTESTATION QUI, ENTRE LES GOUVERNEMENTS DES DEUX PAYS AVEC TOUT CE QU'UNE TELLE CONJONCTURE FAVORABLE COMPORTE DE MESURES D'ASSOUPPLISSEMENT.

EN TOUT ETAT DE CAUSE, LA GARANTIE DE LA SECURITE DU PAYS EST UN IMPERATIF PERMANENT AUQUEL NOUS DEVONS VEILLER EN TOUTES CIRCONSTANCES, AUSSI BIEN DANS LA CONJONCTURE PRESENTE

QU'UN DEHORS DE CELLE-CI.

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3. THE FINAL QUESTION HEARD ON THE RADIO TRANSMISSION ASKED:  
"MR PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, MALI  
HAS AGREED TO RELEASE THE TWO VOLTAN PRISONERS AND TO RETURN  
ALL VOLTAN PROPERTY HELD SINCE THE DECEMBER EVENTS. THE  
GENERAL PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, IF UPPER VOLTA  
HASN'T TAKEN PRISONERS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THESE  
HOSTILITIES THAT SHOULD BE RELEASED TO MALI? WILL  
THERE BE AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES?"

PRESIDENT LAMIZANA COMMENTED ON THE FACT  
THAT THE TWO PRISONERS IN QUESTION HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED  
BY THE MALIANS ALONG WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT. HE NEVER  
SPOKE DIRECTLY TO THE QUESTION. THE REPORTED  
CONTINUED "THEN THE RELEASE OF THESE TWO PRISONERS  
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS."  
AGAIN THE PRESIDENT DUCKED THE  
QUESTION, AND THE CONFERENCE WAS CLOSED. IT IS  
SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS LATTER QUESTION DID NOT APPEAR  
IN EITHER THE L'OBSERVATEUR ARTICLE OR IN THE OFFICIAL  
DAILY BULLETIN REPORT.

4. A VOLTAN OFFICIAL TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT THE GENERAL  
PUBLIC BELIEVES THAT MALI APPEARS TO BE THE VICTOR,  
SINCE IT IS MALI WHO IS RELEASING PRISONERS AND  
RETURNING VOLTAN EQUIPMENT. WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND,  
TO THEM IT SEEMS AS IF UPPER VOLTA HAS DONE NOTHING,  
AND IS THE RECIPIENT OF MALI'S GENEROSITY.  
DECON UPON RECEIPT.  
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